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1. A division, consisting of two regiments, was assigned to Taszar Airfield. Each regiment consisted of two battalions--one for housekeeping, one for tactical assignments. The housekeeping troops were broken down into five companies: Motor transport, communications, supply (finance, commissary, quartermaster), military police and a unit designated ORGM. Twelve to 14 airmen were assigned to ORGM and their task was to keep the runway clear of vehicles and pedestrians during flying hours.
2. Each of the five companies had three platoons of three squads each.
3. Three guards patrolled the 11 hardstands south of the entry road and two guards patrolled the seven hardstands north of the road. One guard patrolled the hangar area. Guards were on duty only between 1800 and 0600. Aircraft mechanics reporting in the morning signed slips relieving the guards of their responsibilities. The eastern end of the field from the northeast to southeast corner was unguarded except for the fence.
4. Signal rockets from the control tower alerted crews. A green flare meant "attention", a red flare "attack", and a white flare "all clear".
5. [] officers at Taszar:
 - a. General Szie - division commander
 - b. General Jugovics - deputy division commander
 - c. Lt Col Horvath - regimental commander
 - d. Major Istvan Lednicki - 8525th Battalion commander
 - e. Major Sandor Borok - 8525th Battalion deputy commander and political officer
 - f. Captain Kovacs - communications company commander and communications officer
 - g. Lt Doni Albin - assistant finance officer
 - h. Lt Jozsef Meszaros - food service and commissary officer
 - i. Captain Jozsef Reitinger - MP company commander and provost marshal
 - j. Lt Antal Levai - a platoon leader in an MP company
 - k. Captain Istvan Leki - postal and classification officer; also personnel and administrative officer of the 8525 Battalion

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6. [] tactical battalion had from 60 to 70 MIG-15's, 3 OJV's, 25X1
and one TU-2 (bomber, light). About 130 MIG-15's, were permanently
assigned to the field, and about 35 MIG-15's from neighboring fields
were usually there for repairs or training. Taszar was used for
these purposes because of its excellent landing facilities.
7. For night landings and take-offs, three searchlight trucks went to
the southeast end of the runway to provide illumination. The
searchlights were about 60 cm in diameter.
8. [] signal rocket positions on the leading edge of each MIG-15, 25X1
located between the fuselage and wheel well positions. Four flares
were positioned in each plane's wings - two white, one green and one
red. These flares were non-explosive as we had tossed some into a 25X1
fire to watch them burn. []

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1. A three-figure attachment showing:
 - a. The appearance of the boundary lights at Taszar
 - b. A sketch of the control tower
 - c. Antiaircraft position (see point E in legend of attachment 4)
2. [] sketch of the signal rocket positions on 25X1
the MIG-15's at Taszar.
3. [] sketch of the underground fuel installa- 25X1
tion (see point D in legend of attachment 4).
4. Overlay sketch of Taszar Airfield with the following legend
(all distances and dimensions are approximations):
 - A. Officers' kaserne: eight hundred meters from SW corner
of the field. The area was 450 meters long, 250 meters
wide and was surrounded by a cyclone-type fence approxi-
mately two meters high strung between concrete poles 15 cms
square with a single strand of barbed-wire strung on top
of the posts. One vehicular and one pedestrian gate
(for officers' club use only) were located on the eastern
side of the area.
 - B. Enlisted men's kaserne. The area was five hundred meters
long and four hundred meters wide enclosed by a cyclone-
type fence two meters high strung between concrete posts
15 cms square with a single strand of barbed-wire strung
on top of the posts.
 - C. Airfield proper: $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers wide, four kilometers long
enclosed by a $2\frac{1}{2}$ meter barbed-wire fence composed of from
10 to 12 strands of barbed-wire strung between concrete
posts 15 cms square.
 - D. Ammunition storage area: four hundred meters long and
three hundred meters wide and situated approximately
350 meters from the perimeter road. Two 2-meter
15 strand barbed-wire fences enclosed this area.
The fences were 15 meters from one another
 - E. Antiaircraft positions: Four 37mm M1939 antiaircraft
artillery pieces. The gun positions were four meters
apart in a semicircular form. They were connected by
a trench two meters deep and 40 to 50 centimeters wide.
Ammunition was stored at the eastern end of the positions

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in a dugout five meters long, four meters wide and six meters deep. It had a flat roof of timbers 20 to 25 centimeters thick and covered with sod and grass. These positions were operated by eight men per gun, with three officers and 32 enlisted men for each site. Each site had a one-story brick building which housed the personnel for that site. The building was 20 meters long, six meters wide, seven meters to the peak of the gabled roof which was covered with flat clay tile. Number of rooms unknown. Each gun position had three to four clips (with an unknown number of rounds per clip) ready for immediate use. Each site was notified of alerts by telephone from the control tower.

- F. Radar sites: $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 kilometers due north of the field and 250 meters NW of the main gate area.
1. Officers' quarters: A two-story brick building 30 meters long; 15 meters wide and 10 meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete constructed roof covered with fine gravel. Capacity of the quarters was unknown. Some housed bachelor male officers, some unmarried female officers and others were family quarters.
2. Officers' canteen: A one-story brick building 15 meters long, six meters wide and four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with fine gravel.
3. Officers' club: A one-story brick building 40 meters long, 30 meters wide, six meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with fine gravel.
4. Infirmary: A two-story brick building 15 to 20 meters long, six to eight meters wide and 10 meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with gravel. Infirmary had 50 to 60 bed capacity. Treatment was limited to minor illnesses and abrasions. In the event of a serious illness or injury, the individuals were transported to Kaposvar. Two ambulances were maintained in a standby status for this purpose. Personnel assigned to the infirmary included four military and four civilian doctors plus eight enlisted corpsmen and nurses.
5. Guard house: A one-story brick building 30 meters long, six meters wide and four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with gravel. Provost marshal's office was located in the west end of this building and the detention cells in the east end.
6. Bathhouse: A one-story brick building 10 meters long, six meters wide and four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with gravel. Building was divided into four equal rooms. Some contained showers and others bathtubs. This building was used only by the enlisted men.
7. Administrative offices: A one-story brick building eight meters long, six meters wide and four meters high with a hollow gabled roof of wood, covered with composition shingles. This office housed the 4256th Regiment's classified files. Behind this office was a cistern six meters in diameter, of concrete extending $1\frac{1}{2}$ -meters above the ground. An iron door 1.7 meters high and 60 cms wide provided access to the pumping equipment located just below ground level. A ladder led down to the pump level. Depth and capacity of cistern unknown.

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8. Enlisted men's mess hall and canteen: A one-story brick L-shaped building 35 to 40 meters long, 20 to 22 meters wide and six meters high (dimensions of the mess hall).
9. Enlisted men's barracks: A two-story brick building 30 meters long, eight meters wide, 10 meters high with flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with gravel. Capacity was 250.
10. Same as 9.
11. Officers' mess hall: A one-story brick building 20 meters long, eight meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete constructed roof covered with gravel. This mess hall was provided for transient officers who received chits to pay for their meals.
12. Maintenance and engineering office (aircraft): A one-story brick building 10 meters long, five meters wide, four meters high with a small gabled roof of wood with composition shingle covering. This building housed the files of the tactical regiment.
13. Quartermaster warehouse and finance office: A one-story brick building 20 meters long, six meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete constructed roof covered with gravel. Finance office was located in the north quarter of the building.
14. AVO offices: A one-story brick building 12 meters long, six meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top brick and concrete roof covered with gravel. This building housed a "Dosetaly" detachment of AVO consisting of 30 officers and eight enlisted men. Two of the officers lived in the building. All the enlisted men were billeted here also.
15. Division administrative offices: A two-story brick building 15 meters long, 12 meters wide, 10 meters high with a flat-top roof of brick and concrete construction covered with gravel. This building housed the base and regimental commanders' administrative offices.
16. Same as 9.
17. Gate guard shack: A one-story concrete building five meters long, two meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top concrete roof. Three personnel were assigned duty at this post.
18. Motor pool and garage: A one-story brick (Sic) building 16 meters long, six meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top concrete roof. Fifty people were assigned duty in this building. Trucks and staff cars were garaged here. Three people were assigned night duty.

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19. Firehouse: Same construction and type as 18. Four vehicles were assigned to the building.
20. POL storage area: Two separate areas, enclosed by a 14 to 15 strand barbed-wire fence strung between concrete posts 15 cms square and located approximately 20 meters from all sides of the storage tanks. A concrete road was provided inside of each storage area for use of POL trucks. A railroad spur was located eight to 10 meters NE of the electric pumphouses (23) of both storage areas.
21. Parachute storage: Same construction as 5. Eight men on duty.
22. Guard towers: An open box-type wood construction, two meters square situated on four wooden posts six meters high. Two such towers, one per POL storage area. A 24-hour guard was posted at each of these towers.
23. Electric fuel pumphouse: A concrete building five meters long, four meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top concrete constructed roof. The building housed an electric motor and two five cm diameter hoses which were connected underground to the fuel storage tanks. There was one such building for each POL storage area.
24. Fuel storage tanks: Each tank was of concrete nine meters high with 7.8 meters below the ground and the remaining 1.2 meters above the surface. This protrusion was encased in a sloping circular collar of sod and grass. A circular iron door one meter in diameter and 20 cms thick was situated in the center of the tops of each tank. The doors were painted green to blend with the sod and grass. Three such tanks were located in each of the two areas. The first tank of each storage (identified the first tank as being those tanks that were closest to the entry road) contained Ethyl (gasoline and the remaining tanks contained "Kerasin" (kerosene type fuel). Three tanks contained 200 thousand liters. The doors contained a small well in which was located a fixed handle which had to be held and the entire door turned until it was unscrewed. A lock was also provided to secure the door to the tank when not in use.
25. Apron: A concrete apron 80 meters long and 30 meters wide with the concrete being six cms thick.
26. Hangar: A concrete building 40 to 50 meters long, 20 to 25 meters wide and six to seven meters high with a flat-top concrete constructed roof. Complete maintenance was possible. Three planes could be worked upon simultaneously. Every three or four weeks a general engine overhaul was accomplished on each assigned aircraft.
27. Ammunition storage building: Four one-story brick buildings, four meters by five meters by four meters high with gabled roofs covered with clay tile. Each

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building housed an unknown quantity of small arms ammunition (7.62 mm and 7.65 mm), 23 mm, 37mm and signal rockets. A revetment five meters high and 40 cms thick at the base, was constructed around three sides of each building in a "U" shape. The opening of the "U" was at the entrance of the buildings. Entrances of each building faced the road.

28. Guard shack: A one-story brick building two meters square and three to four meters at the peak of a wood gabled roof with composition shingle covering. This building housed one sentry and a telephone. A second sentry was at the gate entrance for this area. Two sentries covered the area during the night hours and one was situated in the building during the day.
29. Road: A four meter macadam road extending from perimeter road.
30. Alert hut: A one room, one-story brick building eight meters long, six meters wide, four meters high with a flat-top, concrete roof. This building housed four pilots and eight crew members during their alert duty. Alert shifts were eight hours long. Adjacent to this hut was a concrete apron 30 meters long and 20 meters wide which was connected to the runway by a six meter concrete taxiway.
31. Runway: Running north-south, three kilometers long, 80 meters wide. Thickness unknown. Along both edges of the runway was a 20 cm drainage ditch length of the runway one meter from the edges of the runway (eastern and western) red boundary lights were positioned five meters apart. Each light was 40 cms in length and 30 cms wide. White taxi lights of the same dimensions were identically positioned along the five-meter-wide taxi strips leading to the runway from a seven meter wide taxi strip which ran in front of the hardstands.
32. Hardstands: A concrete construction with its circular diameter being 20 meters and its rectangular portion seven meters long and six meters wide. Concrete thickness of the entire hardstand was six cms. No revetments. A total of 18. The capacity of each hardstand was four to five jet aircraft (MIG-15 type). Aircraft were towed from the hardstand to the end of the runway by a weapons carrier using a simple nose wheel tow bar. Behind each hardstand was a "Kapterkas" of wood construction, five meters wide and 2½ meters high with tarpaper-covered gable roof. The walls were canvas. The buildings, located six meters behind (west) of each hardstand, housed engine parts, batteries, tools, etc. Approximately six people worked out of each building.
33. Ground support trenches: 1½ meter deep, approximately 40 to 50 centimeters wide running in a zigzag pattern approximately 30 meters in length. At the southern end of the trench was a two meter-square two-man firing position for a machine gun. There were four such positions.

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34. Communications building: A two-story concrete building 20 meters long, 10 meters wide, 12 meters high with a flat-top concrete roof. This building housed the telephone center as well as between six and eight each of radio transmitters and receivers. Approximately 38 to 40 people worked in this building.
35. Administration building: Same construction and dimensions as 34. Classified files and technical data concerning the field and aircraft were stored here. From 20 to 22 people worked in this building.
36. Operations building: Same construction and dimensions as 34 except that there was a tower in the center of the building 10 meters high and four meters square with a platform around the upper portion with green-tinted glass. Antennas were located on the flat roof of the tower. A total of 12 people worked in this tower. This location checked daily during October 1954 by Soviet personnel stationed on the field.
37. Battery recharging station: Same construction and dimensions as 34. Four people worked at this point. The facilities could charge six 12-volt batteries simultaneously.
38. Base photo lab: Same dimensions and construction as 35. Six people worked at this point.]

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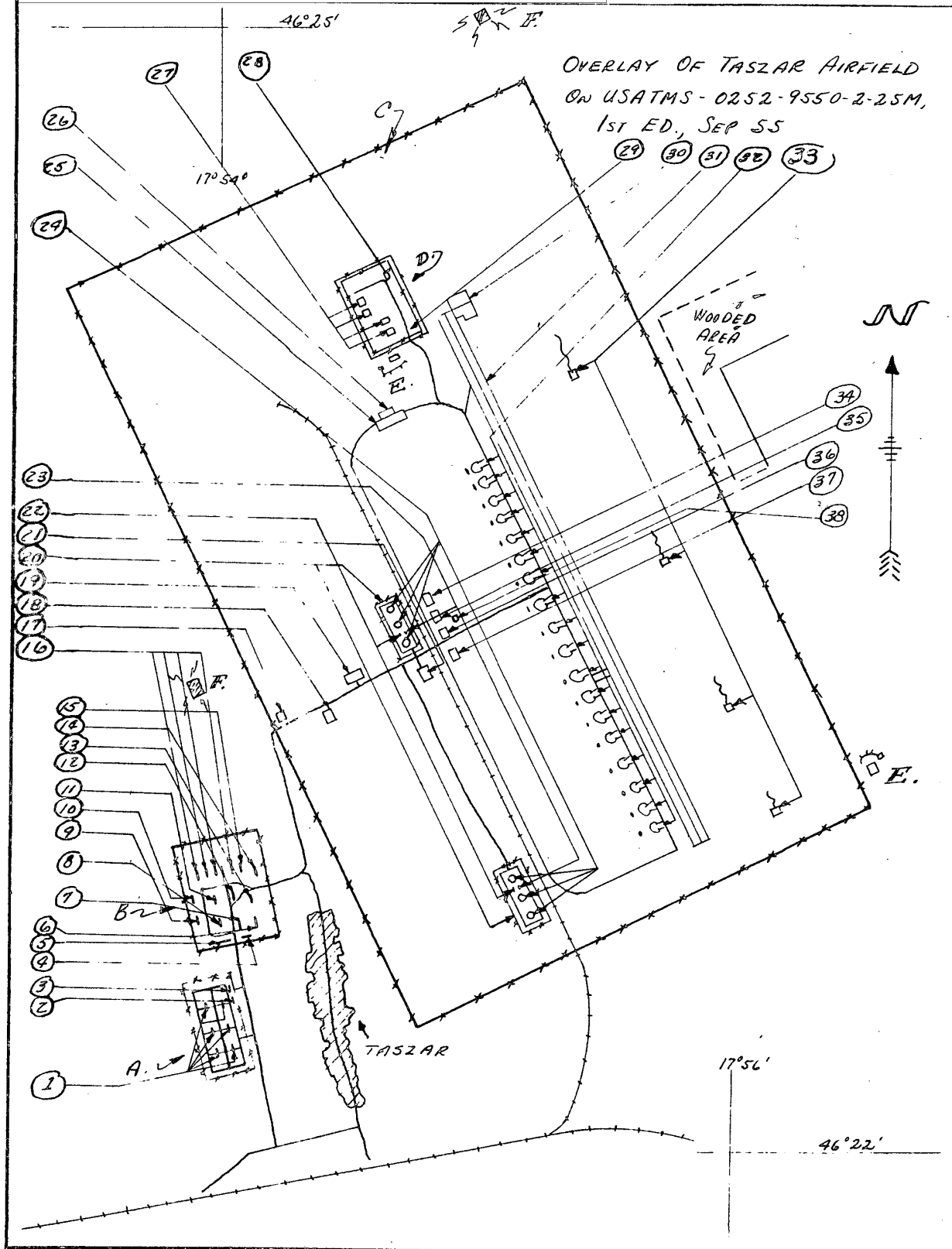
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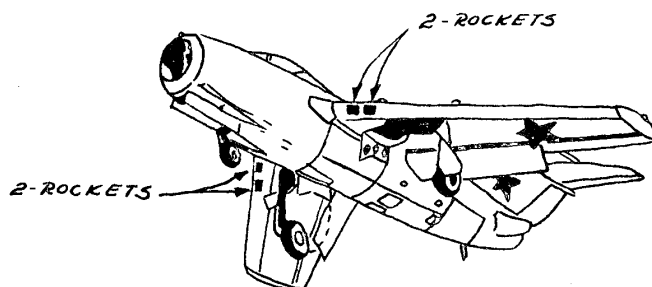
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SKETCH OF SIGNAL ROCKET
POSITIONS ON THE MIG-15 (TASZAR AIRFIELD)

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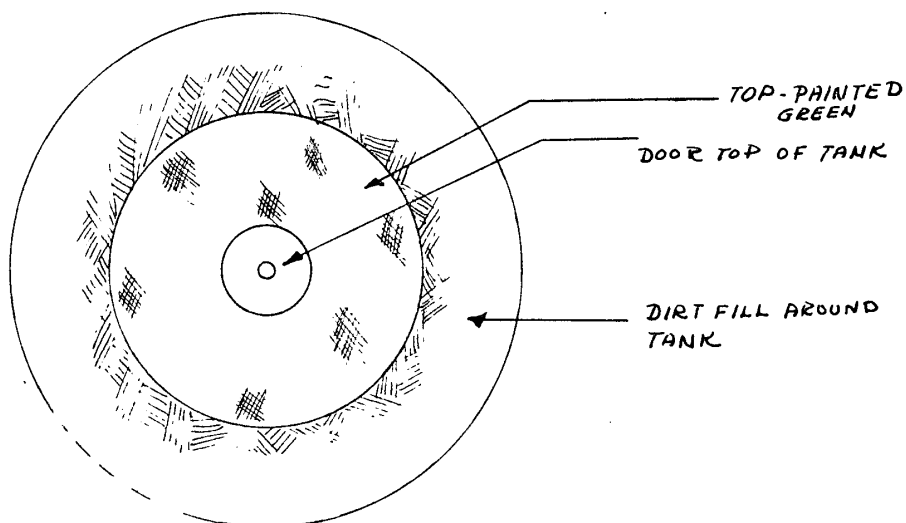
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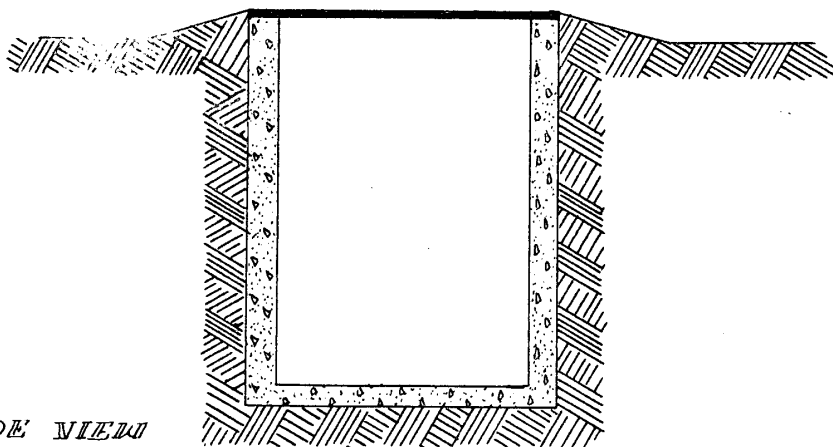
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SKETCH OF AN UNDER GROUND FUEL STORAGE

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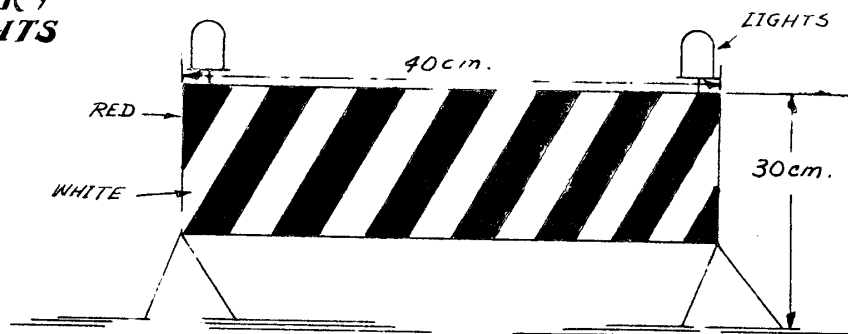
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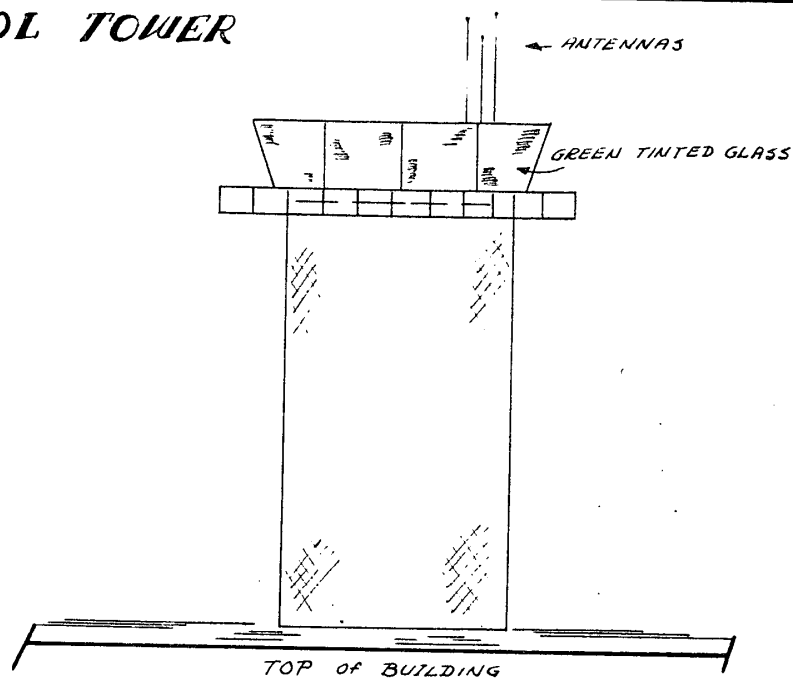
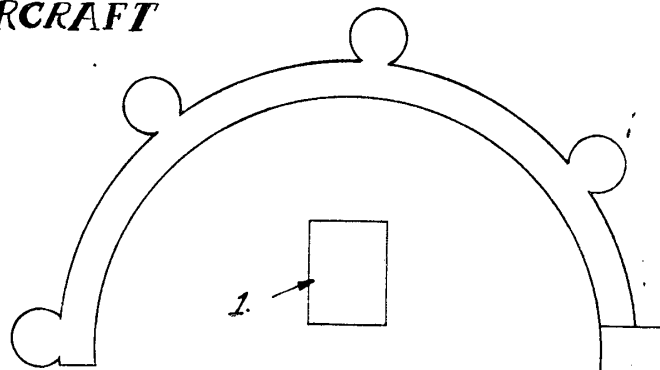
CONTROL TOWER

FIGURE 2.

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FIGURE 3.

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